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FOR: NOVEL IMIDAZOLINE RECEPTOR HOMOLOGS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITHOUT TRAVERSE

Sir:


In reply to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention embraced by the claims of Group III, without traverse, drawn to a purified polynucleotide, a vector containing the same, a host cell thereof, and a method of recombinantly producing the encoded polypeptide.

The Office Action further directs Applicants to elect a single disclosed polynucleotide sequence. Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the polynucleotide of Group A directed to the isolated polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:3 encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4.

Applicants Reply is timely submitted and no extensions of time are required. If any fee is due in connection herewith, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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